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SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE INTO PLASTICS GRANULES  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/10258, filed on December 20, 1999, which claimed priority of **European** Patent Application No. 98204456.2, filed December 29, 1998, and of US Provisional Application No. 60/114,534, filed on December 31, 1998.

1. Application - 47 pages, including 2 independent claims and 44 claims total (as amended).
2. Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 00/38895 with Abstract of the Disclosure.

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- 3 Preliminary Amendment.
- 4 Drawings - 8 sheets of formal drawings containing 11 figures.
- 5 Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
- 6 The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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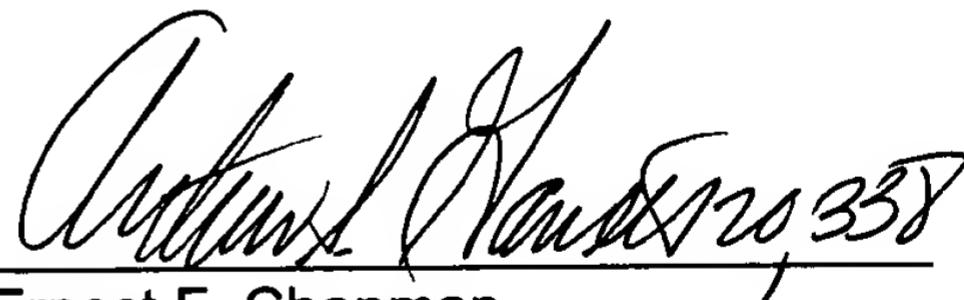
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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